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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN LEBANON IN SECURITY COUNCIL

1. AS ONE INDICATION OF REACTIONS HERE TO TRAVAIL OF LAST SEVERAL DAYS, BOTH UK AMBASSADOR RICHARD AND SYG WALDHEIM TODAY SEPARATELY AND SPONTANEOUSLY SAID TO LEONARD THAT THEY CONSIDERED THIS OPERATION A MODEL OF HOW UN COULD AND SHOULD RESPOND TO A CRISIS. EACH ONE ADDED THAT THE PRINCIPAL FACTOR IN BRINGING THIS RESPONSE TO A MEANINGFUL RESULT HAD BEEN VIGOROUS AND PURPOSEFUL ACTIVITY OF USG.

2. WE WOULD ADD THAT RICHARD AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAS HIMSELF MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION. HE IS OUTSTANDING IN CHAIRING EITHER INFORMAL OR FORMAL MEETINGS, KNOWS HOW TO KEEP THIS HETEROGENEOUS GROUP FROM WANDERING DOWN SIDE ALLEYS, AND IF HE SOMETIMES SEEMS A BIT HIGH-HANDED, THIS IS PLAINLY OUTWEIGHED BY HIS ABILITY TO PRESS THROUGH TO A CLEAR CONCLUSION.

3. WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THOSE POSTS WHO HAVE HARRIED DROWSY FOREIGN MINISTRIES INTO INSTRUCTING THEIR UN REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT US ON
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ONE OR ANOTHER ARCANE POINT. WE THINK PARTICULARLY OF BEIRUT. NEW LEBANESE AMBASSADOR TUENI HAS, INCIDENTALLY, LEARNED THIS GAME VERY QUICKLY AND HAS ENORMOUSLY IMPRESSED ALL OF US. HE HAS STOOD UP TO RADICAL ARABS, PARTICULARLY PLO, IN A WAY THAT IS NOT OFTEN SEEN HERE.
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